

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 353

Rep. Griffin offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 15, 2022, as Pregnancy and
2 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Each year, approximately one million pregnancies in
4 the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a
5 newborn baby. It is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child.
6 Babies sometimes live within or outside their mothers' wombs for
7 only a short period of time. Even the shortest lives are still
8 valuable and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives
9 should not be trivialized; and

10 Whereas, The observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss
11 Remembrance Day may provide validation to those who have lost a
12 baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death; and

1 Whereas, A public that is informed and educated about
2 miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss can better learn how to
3 respond with compassion to affected families. Professionals who
4 come in contact with families who have suffered such losses, such
5 as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral
6 directors, police officers, public health nurses, educators, and
7 employers, can better serve families if they have better knowledge
8 of pregnancy and infant loss; and

9 Whereas, Recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
10 will provide the people of the state of Michigan with an
11 opportunity to increase their understanding of the great tragedy
12 involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies; and

13 Whereas, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day will enable
14 the people of Michigan to consider how, as individuals and
15 communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers,
16 and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare October 15, 2022, as Pregnancy and
20 Infant Loss Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan. We support
21 the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss
22 Remembrance Day; and be it further

23 Resolved, That we recognize the grief of the families who have
24 experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and wish to
25 help heal and comfort these families in a time of pain and
26 heartache, to give the families hope for the future, and to assist
27 women and families across the state in understanding their
28 experience.